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#### Weather Forecast for Monday.

Washington, Sept. 19.-Okiahoma and In dian Territory: Fair: northeasterly winds. Missouri: Generally fair: northerly

Kansas: Generally fair; northerly winds,

CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF GROWTH. The business of the Kansas City postoffice, which has reached such proportions that an increase in the clerical and carrier forces is imperative, is one of the most ditect and convincing evidences of the prosperous conditions of this city and its territory. The sales of supplies for the month of August aggregated \$6,000 more than those of the corresponding month of last year, and the sales for the first eighteen days of this month have reached \$5,000 more than the total for the mouth of September last year. The same ratio of increase may be found in the number of letters, packages, circulars and newspapers handled.

This remarkable extension in the volume of mail indicates unerringly the growing volume of business in this city and commu nity. It indicates a great tide of actual business and a confident endeavor to get still more.

But what is most gratifying, in some re spects, is the evidence of the rapid growth of Kansas City. This is particularly noticed in the number of letters delivered in the resident portions of the city. Nearly all of the houses that were empty six months ago have been occupied, and new ones have been built and rented. The restdent population is growing with greater rapidity now than ever before in the history of the city, with the exception of certain periods during the big boom. Those who come now, come to stay. They are permanent acquisitions.

It is conceded that the return of pros perity, which is general, is more particular ly felt in the West than in any other section of the country. It is but natural, therefore, that the commercial center to secure the most immediate benefits of the wave is Kansas City, the metropolis of the most productive and prosperous states.

### LATTER DAY PIRACY.

One after one the old ideals of our childhood are shattered by the remorseless hammer of heartless fact. The fairles and elves have departed, and Sante Claus and Jack the Giant Killer have borne them company, but that is not all. Historic personages like Pocahontas and William Tell have gone, too, and doubts hang over many another, while certain well-loved types are changing under our eyes. The robust maiden on the bicycle of eighty-inch gear calmly scorches by the young man who, a century ago, stood ready to bear her away from her pursuers on a coal black steed with eyes of fire, and now the pirate is being transformed also. A recent press dispatch chronicles the complaint of certain Canadians against a horde of American pirates who are devastating the Queen Charlotte islands, and who recently landed at a village, and dug up and carried away a whole crep of potatoes, the rightful property of the subjects of the queen.

It was not ever thus. The pirate of old lived on carnage and blood, going for whole days without other food. He loved only gold, and only when short of anything else to do did he seek silver, which in those day's circulated freely at a ratio of 16 to 1. His weapons were the cutlass, the blunderbuss, and the howitzer.

The pirate of old occasionally dug in the earth. He stole to the land with muffled oars as the dog star touched the gibbet on the hill, and there, under a blasted tree, at the hour of midnight, he buried his illgotten gains, and slew his companions that only he might know the spot.

Alas! The pirate of to-day goes ashore of a sunny afternoon, what time the potato crop is in a state of mealy perfection. The captain seizes the trident from the statue of Neptune at the prow, because it is easy to dig with, while the crew raid the village hardware store. Then, "away, my hear-

tles," and don't stop for the little ones! The age progresses. It were heresy to doubt it. The time has come when the small boy need not run away to the next township to emulate the example of th pirate. Every plot of ground over watch broods the genius of Pingree will give him the opportunity.

#### ALDERMAN SIMONDS ON THE GRID-DLE.

In Alderman Simonds' answer to the long petition from the people of the Seveath ward, he protested that he was mindful of his constituents' interests, even it he had to disregard their wishes. He declared that he could not conscientiously vote for North Terrace park because is was too costly, too inaccessible and because it was prejudicial to the rights of the industrial classes. He was unmoved by a petition that represented 80 per cent of his constituents. He questioned the authenticity of some of the signatures.

Then, on one day's notice, the people who had elected him to office to represent them held a mass meeting to give both physical and oratorical demonstration of their sincerity. More than a thousand voters of the Seventh ward, representing all classes of citizens, attended this meeting. But Alderman Simonds, stubbornly refusing to be convinced, remained away. The affront to his constituents is direct, complete and without palliation. His fine talk about "conscience"

is seen to be simply a hollow pretense, The spectacle of an aggregation of voters who have chosen a representative on an explicit platform, petitioning that representative to stand by that platform, and after ward holding a mass meeting to enforce their petition, while the representative him self goes quietly to bed, is a lamentable travesty upon popular government. Yet al. these demonstrations have been necessary to fully expose such men as Simonds, for th attitude of the people of the Seventh ward is substantially the same as that of the people of other wards.

If Alderman Simonds, as a result of these

overwhelming demands, would reconsider vide that he must be blindfolded and agree his position on the North Terrace park and give due weight to the will of the people or if he would resign the office he can not "conscientiously" fill according to the people's expressed will, he could still regali much of the esteem in which he was held and which secured for him the office he now fills. If he remains in the council and maintains the position he has assumed, the people will inevitably ascribe to him motives not embodied in his remarkable answer to their petition.

BY LINEAR MEASURE.

ration facilities necessary to handle the

products of Kansas for the year 1897. Esti-

nating the wheat crop at 51,000,000 bushels.

he shows that it would fill 102,000 cars with

a capacity of 500 bushels each. Counting

twenty cars to the train it would give 5,100

trains. Seven such trains would all a mile

of track. This would make 730 miles of

A conservative estimate of the crop of

corn this year in Kansas is 150,000,000 bush-

cls. This will require 250,000 cars of 600

bushels each, or 12,500 trains of twenty cars

miles, or over four times the distance

Further statistics show that Kansas has

on hand now 1.663,900 head of cattle, exclu-

sive of milch cows. Counting an average of

twenty cattle to the car, it will take 80,196

cars to hold them, or 4,010 trains, equal to

It miles in length. The farmers also have

All these products combined would fill

UNWAVERING GOVERNOR LEEDY.

"Say what you may about John W.

Leedy, he is governor himself. He has

the sense to say yes or no and stick to it.

His politics are his own and are consis

blame and credit belong to him alone."

quality sadly lacking in his predecessor

ently maintained, right or wrong, and the

The picture that Editor Lobdell would

seem to be trying to draw for the edifica-

tion of his readers is that of a strong, self-

reliant man who is not easily influenced

by others and who unwaveringly pursues

the purposes fixed in his own mind. Such a

picture does not fit Governor John W.

Leedy, of Kansas. Indeed, it would per-

haps be impossible to point to another man

in public life anywhere wno has in so brief

a space of time changed his mind so often,

backed and filled so frequently, and so

weakly permitted others to mold and bias

him in the performance of his public

Commencing with the moment when he

permitted his private secretary to prepare

an inaugural address and message to the

legislature which brought upon him the

ridicule of the whole country, there has

not been a time when Governor Leedy was

not surrounded in his office at the state

house by a coterie of amateur politicians

who made him whinsaw back and forth

like a rudderless ship on a stormy sea. In

some instances he has not even taken the

pains to inform himself of what these ad-

visers were intending to make him do,

but has blindly signed important docu-

ments without even reading them, as will

witness his own confession in the matter

of the letter addressed to the supreme

court which had been prepared by G. C.

But it is not necessary to go beyond

Governor Leedy's record on just one im-

any possibility of denial his weakness and

instability. We allude to the question of

regulating railroads by legislative enact-

ment. Three years ago, as a member of

the Kansas state senate, he introduced a

bill providing that the duty of fixing rates

on all the railroads in Kansas should re-

pose in the state board of railroad com-

missioners. After his vehement fashion,

he made speeches in support of this bill

and claimed for it the effect of redressing

all the wrongs that the people might be

suffering at the hands of the transporta-

tion companies. It was known as "The

Leady Bullroad Bill " and it gave him con-

siderable fame among those who believed

in bringing the railroads under public con-

trol-such fame, indeed, that it was un-

doubtedly the most important factor in

securing to him the nomination for gov-

In the session of last winter this Leedy

railroad bill was enacted into law by the

Popullsts with scarcely a change in its

obrasing and no change at all in its ma-

terial provisions. It will be remembered by

readers of The Journal that a short time

since we compared these bills and showed

that they were identical in every impor-

tant particular. Now what did this strong

man, this man of unshaking convictions,

do when his own bill was presented to him

for signature? He listened to the politi-

chans by whom he was surrounded and

then-vetoed himself. Laca communication

to the public he explained that he was

convinced the people did not want the

Leedy bill, but a maximum rate bill, in

inflexibly, and so urgent has he appeared

to consider this demand on the part of

the people that ever since he has been

backing and filling on the question of a

special session for the purpose of making

it effective-at one time being certain he

would call it, at another time in doubt, and

It is unfair to condemn a man as vacil

lating because he has changed his mind

once within a reasonable time, but what

must be said of the instability of one who

reverses himself twice on an important

public question within the space of a few

months? The news columns of The Jour-

nal on Sunday morning contained the in-

formation that Governor Leedy had again

changed front and that he was now in

favor of the Leedy bill, and opposed to the

maximum rate bill, and furthermore that

he intended to call a special session of the

legislature to re-enact the very bill that

he had vetoed. This information is vouched

for by State Senator Jumper, who is a

member of the Populist state administra-

tion, and bears the impress of authoritat-

iveness. Furthermore, it is indorsed by

John Breidenthal, who talks only when

he has something to say, and who is in po-

sition to speak intelligently of the projects

this crosslifting over the question of a

special session that with one stipulation

they might not be very averse to seeing it

held. That stipulation would provide for

the appointment of a special commission

to convey Governor John W. Leedy some-

where out into the wilderness beyond the

reach of mail or telegraphic facilities, there

ished its work; and it would further pro-

to Lold him until the legislature had fin-

of the Populist state administration,

The people have become so wearied

at still another time decided against it.

ortant public question to disclose beyond

sixteen trainloads, of sheep.

times the length of the state.

Kansas City (Kas.) Tribune.

duties.

Clemens.

erner.

solid wheat trains.

across the state.

In the meantime we wish again to congratulate our contemporary across the Kaw on its discovery of a Populist governor who is firm, unwavering and eter-The man with a fondness for mathenally consistent. matics has been figuring on the transpor-

desirable at almost any cost.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

to sign the bill adopted without any knowl-

anti-railroad legislation would be prefer-

able to the brigandage now being waged

igainst the transportation interests by the

Populist politicians, and peace will become

"The people be d-d" may have been a good enough platform for the elder Vanderbilt, but it is a very bad one for a Kansas City alderman.

The point is reached where Alderman Simonds can no longer occupy his seat in the council and tetain his self-respect, or the respect of the community.

Weyler expresses full confidence that he will be able to conquer Cuba in four each, making a solid corn train of 1.786 months. It is seldom that one so thoroughly vicious and brutal is so absurdly optimistic.

Isn't there something wrong about the story that Arkansas Jones advised Tammany to ignore Bryan and the Chicago platform? It sounds entirely too intelligent for Jones.

The color of the postage stamps will not 2 259 494 head of hogs, or 171 trainloads. In addition to this, they have 311 carloads, or be changed to green. The international postal agreement will not permit. The present red color will stick-and it is hoped train 3,276 miles long, or more than eight the opposite side will also.

> Seth Low says he is a Republican and expects to remain one. It is more than probable, however, that Seth will not vote for the Republican nominee for mayor of Greater New York in the year 1897.

Doesn't Alderman Simonds hear a "still small voice" urging him to resign? At any rate, he hears a mighty multitude of voices calling for his resignation. He can't close his ears to such a roar, however much he may desire to. The Kansas City ball team closed the

league season vesterday in a consistent and unsensational way. Another game was added to its magnificent column of losses, Now for swift and sweet forgetfulness of this five months' humiliation. It is easy enough to see why Mark Hanna

caused crop failures and the bubonic plague in India. He wanted to make this country seem prosperous under McKinley. But what was his object in starting a yellow fever epidemic in Mississippi?

A balloon, thought to be Andree's, re-

cently passed over the village of Artsifirowskoje, in Northern Russia. That it was at a great height is shown by the fact that its trail ropes did not become entangled in the name of the town. The Topeka Capital is taking a vote to find who are the two most noted Kansas

men. Mrs. Lease is one, of course, but there is a wide diversity of opinion as to who is the other. McNall, Leedy, Stryker and Simpson will have at least one vote each. Alderman Munson shouldn't do ton much talking about obeying the wishes of his constituents, unless he means what he

says. The people of the whole city have

the same sentiment in regard to parks as

the people of the Seventh ward, and they

may take occasion yet to demonstrate the fact as clearly. A Kansas exchange complains that The Journal is unwilling to give the Populists credit for the good they do. This is a mistake. The Journal is not only willing but desirous to treat all parties and persons justly. Just as soon as the Populists do something creditable, due recognition of the fact will be recorded in these columns.

Champ Clark may be a little cross-eved on the tariff and other public questions, but he recognizes a live city when he sees it. Champ properly regards Kansas City as one of the triumphs and marvels of the century. His opinion of our Union depot was courteously withheld, and he fortunately hadn't heard of our park knockersthe two things our people are most ashamed of.

We are patiently waiting and watching.

Professor Bridger, of England, denies that kissing is harmful to health, and insists that it is a promoter of good diges tion. We don't know much about Bridger but he evidently is a man who liberally mixes common sense with his scientific blowledge. He would be entitled to rank as a public benefactor, if it were not that the kissing industry has never suffered the least depression from the deadly microbe theory.

Except that wheat has not gone down to 25 cents, that times have not grown harder, that wages have not been further reduced, that the McKinley administration has not issued bonds "before six months, which the legislature would fix the rates that the currency has not been contracted. that our foreign commerce has not been paralyzed, that Hanna is not the real president, and that the country generally is not being impoverished and ruined, the campaign predictions of the Bryanites have been generally fulfilled.

The Eastern press is disposed to criticise Western communities for paying large sums to hear Bryan talk. While it is regarded as undignified for a presidential candidate to place himself on a level with big pumpkins and fat hogs as a county fair attraction, yet Bryan is not so much blamed for filling his purse as his audiences are for being "gulled" out of their cash, The Eastern press doesn't quite understand the situation. Money is so plentiful with Western farmers now that they can spare \$300 or \$700 in a county and never miss it. They were so long without money to spend that the spending of it is a pos itive luxury. If they want to "blow in' a few dollars seeing big pumpkins, fat swine and windy orators, why begrudge them the pleasure? Farmers must have amusement as well as city folk.

## Reflections of a Bachelor.

From the New York Press. Most men know a good thing when they don't eat It.

A man never appreciates a woman's real value titi he marries someone else. Probably the worst thing about the fall.

to Adam, was knowing that he would have to hook up Eye's dresses. No woman can understand how the Lord ould ever keep her husband out of heaven when he is so good to her,

If a man really believed that a girl grow to look like her mother at the same ge he would move away. Every man thinks he has more big trials and every woman thinks she has more little

worries than anybody else.

#### KANSAS TOPICS.

The Burr Oak Herald is booming J. C. edge of its contents, just as he signs the Postlethwaite for the Republican nomi tion for governor. locuments prepared for him by the large force of deputy governors who surround The Almena Herald has put its shoulder the executive headquarters. Any sort of

o Frank Lockard's receptiveness in the matter of state treasurer. The Arkansas City Traveler announce

the candidacy of John S. Wilkin, of Cowley county, for state treasurer. Henry and Leo Funk, father and son,

have gone from Salina to become pupils in the same college in Illinois. Mrs. Hanback, widew of the late Colone ewis Hanback, has gone to Salina to

live with a son who is a commercial trav-Mike Sutton has not been always a Republican. He was chairman of the first Democratic convention ever held in Sum-

It is related that when a keg of beer exploded on the depot platform at Emporia the alarm was given and the liquor was taken up with blotters.

ner county.

Samuel Stonbraker, of Black Jack, ha peen a member of every Republican convention in Douglas county for forty years For thirty-five years he was postmaster at his village.

That Wichita paper which said, "The Democrats of Kansas are united and invincible" was evidently the victim of a typographical errir. What the editor wrote "The Democrats of Kansas are di-Was: vided and invisible." . . .

Miss Laura McCurry, of Lincoln, was on the way to enter the state university as a pupil when she was notified that she had been appointed matron of the blind asylum at Kansas City.

At the Wichita Populist convention, one Captain Waters said in his speech: have no political bias. I am in favor fusion with anybody any time and all the time to knock out the black-hearted, whitelivered Republicans." Which would seem to prove beyond peradventure that Captain Waters has no political bias.

A young man at Harper, says Victor Murdock, called on one of the young ladies of the Epsilon Sigma Pi, which has resolved to boycott men who drink, and she at once said: "Oh, Mr. Young, how sober you are this evening!" The young man rose and fled, shricking as he went: "And I have refused three drinks for this."

earth that is mean, from playing cracka-loo to manslaughter." says the editor of the Canton Champion, "and if strangers don't stop coming to us to buy something to drink we will think someone is accusing us of running a joint."

"We have been accused of everything on

A practical joker introduced the following platform at the Morris county Populist convention, and then was forced to flee for his life: "Whereas, In spite of our frequent and

positive declarations that the price of wheat is regulated by the price of silver. and that the price of farm products would go down if McKinley was elected, wheat is going skyward and all other farm products have gone up in a like proportion, and This is hell; therefore, be it "Resolved. That we go to raising more

At a wedding in Ottawa the other day the preacher closed the ceremony with these words: "And now let us hope that your lives may be as pure as the gold in this

beautiful wedding ring." The guests who saw the groom turn ashy and shiver convulsively were of course not informed that it was a filled ring with only 10-karat gold on the outside. Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Pettit, of Cowley county, celebrated their golden wedding one

day last week and it was also made the occasion of the marriage of their daughter to a neighboring farmer. The girl wore white silk dress and veil worn by her mother fifty years before.

ulist representatives Kansas has had in congress have saved themselves work and postage stamps by claiming to their constituents that, not being in harmony with the national administration, they could do nothing for pension applicants. man McCormick, the Populist member from the Sixth district, arrived home last week and informed the Phillipsburg Dispatch of the success he had met with in securing pensions for old soldiers in his district. 'The officers and clerks in the pension department know no politics," said Mr. M. Cormick, "and I got everything reasonable that I asked for." Mr. McCormick has thus slugged his fellow Populist members squarely between the eyes.

The brightest bit of verse that has written by a Kansas poet for a long time came this week from the pen of Laura U. Case, of Girard, who presents it under the title. "The First Family Quarrel." As follows:

When Captain Noah went into the ark. And the waters came up below it, He carried a goose that sang like a lark, But he found not a place to stow it: His wife made many a harsh remark, And named the fowl "the poet."

She hated it so, to the hungry shark She threatened each day to throw And there, right there, she "chalked

But Noah refused to "toe it." "Hoo! Who," cried the owl, "wants a

She fussed and fumed from dawn till dark To the "singing goose" we owe it. That family jars reach high tide mark For history's records show it-And little dogs at the moon will bark For Luna lunated the poet.

Then Noah got mad, right there in the ark. And he wasn't so slow to show it:

He yelled out, "Hush!" the beasts cried "Hark! How Noah and wife can 'go it'."

Thus grew to a flame that tiny spark, With never a breeze to blow it. Did she carry the day? Did the goo

embark. And the cruel flood o'erflow it? id it drown, and float off, cold and stark? We guess, but we cannot know it, That it grasped the rope Noah flung fro

And to Ararat's mount did tow it. Since Noah sailed in that ancient barque,

the ark.

From the blind old Trojan poet To the deathless love of the fame Petrarch. Who wrote his verses to show it.

Each age has its goose that sings like a Though often the world don't know it. "No more pitiable sight was ever wit

nessed in Kingman," says the Leader-Courier, "than that which was noted by number of our citizens last Monday. A man who holds a few cattle in the south part of Canton township was in town for first time since early in April. He is quite a talker and soon had a crowd around him while he expatiated on the present hard times and the scarcity of nev. He said he knew last fall that elected. That with him president, wheat could not be over S cents a bushel, corn over 10 cents, hogs more than 2 cents a pound or cattle more than 3. At this stage in the proceedings some of the crowd conchided that the man was crazy, and George Bush ventured to ask if he didn't know that wheat was selling for 75 cents a bush-The man grew indignant. He said he knew it wasn't That it couldn't be so, or he would have read it in the papers. Ed Palmer ventured

Advocate. The crowd then took him around to Charlie Lowe's and insisted on his asking him how much he was paying that day for the different products of the farm, and when he was told his condition was pitiable to behold. He had read last fall in the Journal and Advocate that prices must go lower if McKinley were elected. He had continued to read the same papers ever since. They had never retracted the statement. They had in partisan zeal suppressed the market reports, and now, late in the fall, this man, who lives in an isolated corner of the country, who quietly attends to his cattle, who raises no wheat and has had no occasion to sell any of his stock, comes up here and on our streets makes a spectacle of himself that leads a our good citizens to think him number of demented. It is an awful, but not an isolated, example of Populist methods and Populist teachings. The leaders mislead good people, and even after most good people know it they seem to take delight in letting a few go on making fools of them

The Popocrat paper at Kansas City and the Popocrat paper at Topeka recently published a fake or false dispatch from Hutchinson, in which it was related that the salt factories had all ceased work as a consequence of the passage of the Dingley bill, throwing hundreds of men out of employment and bringing distress to thousands of women and children. The Popu lists of Smith county receive their information of current affairs from these two Pop ocrat papers, and, not having been fur nished with a denial of the salt story, the county convention of the party adopted a fierce resolution in its platform denouncing the Republican party and the Dingley bill for "closing the salt factories in the state of Kansas, thus crippling one of our greatest industries."

selves.

As a matter of fact, the salt factories at Hutchinson have never been in a more flourishing condition than they are to-day When the fake dispatch appeared it was shown by the indignant people of Hutchinson that more men were at work, more salt was being produced and sold, and more prosperity attending the business in every direction than for years before. The Republicans of Smith laugh on their Populist fellow citizens and are not neglecting the opportunity.

Harmon D. Wilson, who writes the Swede dialect better than any other man in Kansas, had his old friend Taul Timberson come into the Beloit Gazette office the other day to recite his latest troubles Timberson had come to town to see Ringling's circus, and this is the way he told

"Effer talm Ay koom to das toun Ay gate masaf een troble; en by da yoompin' yeemeny Ay bate ma soom day now Ay mek ma lote trobles for oner falars yet. Ay haf note koom masuf to toun for bote a yar gone bak-note seence da boys role ma een barrel doun hill eento do kreek. So oner day Ay tal ma boss Ay tank Ay gone ma by Baloit to tek leetle luke at da Ringilin show. Ma boss ha sa das eef Ay gone to toun da boys vill play skoldugger ment treek on ma, bote Ay tal heem Ay haf live ma now een das kontry for more as sax yar, en das Ay gote smartness yoost laik Yoonited States peeple, en das Ay kan tek kare masaf. So Ay draw ma vone dolar femty cent en lite out.

"Ven Ay bane een da ol' kontry Ay neffer see sirkus, en Ay tal yo, Ay bane soorprised poorty gude. Ven da p'rade koom roun' Ay yoost stan' oop een vagin en tal Ay laik to boost masaf. Dare bane bands playin', en snaiks en vild animals, en a beeg hipporomus ved mouth on heem laik hoal een a vall. En dare bane monkeys, en kammels en effalunts tal yo note kan rest. Av no da effalunt voost so sune Ay luke at heem-ha bane yoost so nachooral laik pictoor buke. En da gote hole lote gude horses ved nice, poorty lady riden on dame. Ay alvays haf ma gude eye open for gude lookin' gals.

"Val. Ay foller da p'rade donn to da show grounds, en vhile Ay bane standin' vaitin' for da tent to open, beeg falar vid gude cloes on ask me eef Av goin' to da show. Ha ask me how mooch mony Ay gote, en Ay tal heem dolar en femty cent. Dane ha sa ha kan tal by ma en das eef Ay vil geef heem da dolar femty cent ha vil geef ma ol' sirkus man's pass-vord das vil admeet ma to enny tent on da ground. Das tikkle ma, en Ay geef heem da mony. Dane ha tal ma to go over to vedeen sax feet of a groop of kanvas mans; to place da thumb of ma rite hand longside ma nose, viggle da feengers een viggorus manner, en shout 'Hey Rube!' tra taim

een vosifferus tone of vois. "So Ay poot ma hand een posishun holler 'Hey Rube! Hey-' ven yoost so kweek as Ay holler, effer yone dose falars coomp on ma en poun' ma ved kloobs, en stakes en dare feests, en keek ma oll ofer en ven da gate done ved ma da role ma ofer da reever bank, en Ay note fin' masaf tal day after yesterday. Ay tal yo rite now Ay haf gote ma plenty of das moanky eesness. Effer taim Ay koom ma to tour Ay gate skolduggerment treek play on masaf. Ay gaten poorty goldoorn en Ay gone to start ote now en mek troble for lote dese smartalek American fokes."

## MISSOURI POINTS

Major Joe Finks has become a permanent resident of Missouri again, having located in Glasgow, where he is establishing himself as a dealer in furniture.

Worth county voters decided at a special election the other day that the wave of prosperity and that long-talked-of new \$20. 600 court house should move along up to

Springfield's fair wasn't altogether a suc cess from a financial standpoint. The association is \$2,000 behind on expenses and considerable assessment on the stockholders will be necessary.

Net content with having kept her out the state capital Jeff City is now jeering at Sedalia because of her inability to rais eighteen-ounce pears such as George Porth picks from the trees in his back yard.

Nodaway county horses are still considerably above a canning value apparently. Twenty head of handsome animals shipped to Philadelphia from Maryville a da two ago represented a cish outlay on the

part of the local dealer of \$2,600. Students at the Brookfield college and other patrons of boarding houses in that town will undoubtedly be grieved to hear the report that a horticulturist in the suburbs has eighteen prune trees that are heavily laden with fruit this season.

Among the 600 inhabitants that constitute its population Elmo is so fortunate, ac-cording to the Register, as to number but one loafer, three grumblers, seven deadbeats and thirteen hypocrites. Evidently the Republicans in Elmo have it all their own way.

Jefferson City has an Andree who posst of achievements that his balloon namesake never can hope to equal even though he succeeds in lassoing the North pole. The former has served three successive years as judge at the annual baby show and is still one of the most popular mer in town.

A-word to the wise suggestion, from the Maryville Tribune: "The public should bear in mind that the baby show is a fixture to be repeated annually by the Har-vest Home. Now don't come up next year whining that you didn't know anythis about it. Get to work-procrastination is the thief of gold medals."

Hear this, you Billstone boomers. flect on the remarks of Brer Jim Barbee, of the Ash Grove Commonwealth. low promulgator of Popocratic pabulum "If in the course of human events it we possible for W. J. Bryan not to become a candidate for the presidency, it might as to ask him what papers he read, and he well be understood now as later that Missaid the Kingman Journal and the Topeka souri will never march over Dick Bland's six times the original cost.

body for Bill Stone, Bill Smith, Samps Jinkins, or any of the Joneses."

Miss Mamle Stewart, who formerly lived in Carthage and was a member of the high school faculty there, but is now traveling in the interest of the Female Orphan asy lum at Fulton, has begun to seek laurels in the literary world. A novel by her, en titled "Garlands of Purple and Gold, shortly to issue from a prominent publishing house, and two of her short poems are said to be slated for appearance in the next volume of "One Hundred Choice Se lections."

The philosopher of the Brookfield Gaette satisfactorily explains a vexing ques tion thus: "The climate of Missouri is all right if left to itself, as is apparent to anyone who studies the weather reports, which show plainly that the dry, hot weather that has partially injured the crops was caused by conditions in the territory west and southwest of Missouri: but ever climate of the West and Southwest that occasionally slops over into Missouri can not do any immense amount of damage."

The recent paragraph in this column is which brief allusion was made incidentally to St. Joseph's somewhat inadquate facilities for furnishing satisfactory hotel ac commodations for such a crowd as was attracted thither by the fair and its attendant festivities can scarcely with propriety be condemned as "envious and venomous 'inspired by malignity.' inasmuch as the information upon which it was based was obtained directly from the current issue of St. Joseph's most popular and widely read newspaper.

Pike County News: Ex-Governor William Stone, who once was known as plain Gum Shoe Bill, and always delighted in getting up before his constituents as the great champion of the "common people, has sent his children to Europe to be educated. Here is a sample of consistency for you. The schools of Missouri and the United States are not good enough for the The schools of Missouri and the children of this great champion of the common people. It will be remembered how Bill Stone and his like last year denounced Europe and things European. How he and his class arrogated to themselves the vote of exclusive and jealous advocates of an alleged American policy. How poyerty-stricken the common people would be-come if Bryan and Bill Stone were not sent to Washington to run things. now, strange to relate, the fearful thing Bryan was defeated and yet Bill Stone, the chief of the common people sends his children to school in hated Europe. How Missouri Popocracts love to be humbugged.

"The people who merely heard Clark speak when he was clothed in white crash, as he appeared before a Nodaway county audience the other day, do not know how picturesque he is," says the Maryville Tribune. "They should see him in his black Prince Albert coat of summer goods to appreciate him. Men of Clark's independent turn of mind and disposition to be picturesque are liable to do some things and wear some things that are not laid down in the books of fashion and etiquette and we are of the opinion that if Clark should appear in a New York drawing room with that Prince Albert coat on l would soon become the object of considerable discomforting attention. It is not cut according to the conventional rules nor made out of the conventional cloth. It is neither up to date, nor behind the times, It is Clark's. It is of his own designing, and it probably suits him and he doesn't care whether it suits anybody else or not, That is Champ Clark's way. He is an independent, courageous sort of fellow and withal genial, handsome and able. He is the ablest man in congress from Missouri and considerably the most picturesque."

### A Benefactor of the Race.

From the Chicago Tribune. It will be the consensus of suffering man kind that of all small pests mysteriously ordered for their torture the mosquito the most annoying, exasperating and intolerable. Millions of people are seriously disturbed and injured by this poisonous pest which stings while it sings. All sec tions of the country except the arid ones suffer from it. It abounds all along the rivers, creeks, marshes and swamps, and occasionally ravages high and dry sections. No age, sex or previous condition escapes the pest's poisonous proboscis. It swarm on the public highway, invades the cool shelter beneath the trees and has no respect for the sanctity of the sleeping apartment. No remedy or preventive used here tofore has proved satisfactory. It mocks

at poisons, eludes vigilance, sniffs at screens, and defies assault, while it chants its tuneful lay and fattens on human gore. A despairing, hopeless people, however, will now rise up and call Professor Walter T. Scheele, of Rahway, N. J., blessed, as uming that his announcement is true. He declares that he has discovered a cheap and simple way of destroying the mos quito while in the embryo state and before it is prepared to set out upon its crusade of torture armed with the implements kindly provided by nature for making human life miserable. The professor says:

life miserable. The professor says:

"I can take a minute crystal of permanganate of potash, drop it in the water containing the bacilli of the mosquito, and the oxidization that takes place will almost instantly kill every atom of life that may be present. I will show you how to kill mosquitoes, or show you how to develop them. The quantity is one part to 1,500 parts, and 25 cents' worth will be sufficient to operate on a ten-acre area. A handful will be enough. It may be scattered around, a few crystals at a time, widely apart, and I promise you that the production of mosquito germs will be immediately stopped. In my laboratory I have killed the germs in a 1,000-gallon tank with a pinch of per-In my laboratory I have killed the germs in a 1,000-gallon tank with a pinch of permanganate. There is no reason in the world why vast sections of swamp land should not be treated in the same way. A little care will save endless annoyance and destroy billions upon billions of the insects."

nsects. Here at last is a remedy which appears cheap, simple and effective, and few scientific discoveries of the year have been of more importance. Tens of thousands o persons ought to arm themselves with permanganate of potash next spring, or whenever is the proper time to use it, and make concerted assault upon this industrious and pernicious enemy of the race. The swamps and the streams and the ditche and the water cisterns should be permanganated with potash till the last armed toe expires and his song is no longer heard in the land. If 25 cents' worth of this am munition will clear a ten-acre lot it will take but 255 cents for an acre, and an in ordinary house lot. No family should be without it when entering upon next spring's campaign, for evidently potash has higher virtues than it has yet manifested in sausage and soap vats. Should the new remedy prove a success Professor Scheet will be hailed by suffering mankind as on of the benefactors of the race.

## Political Lawn Parties.

From the New York Sun. In St. Louis, home of many festivities, a new form of political diversion has ap-peared. The St. Louis Republic describes "a number of peculiarly pretty girls" as going to "a political lawn party." Two Republican clubs gave the show. There was a quadrille band present: there was dancing there were refreshments served on th lawn: there was singing by some of the peculiarly pretty girls. In short, all went merry as a marriage bell, except that the Hon. Chauncey Ives Filley had not arrived up to a late hour. The political lawn party seems to be an agreeable sort of institution and should be introduced into the East. where the Citizens' Union croquet parties have not as yet made much impression.

#### The Grand Old State Is Pull of 'Em From the Boston Herald. They are telling of a Kansas farmer who

purchased forty acres of land last year for 189. He has just marketed from this tract 60 bushels of wheat at 75 cents per bushe raising an average of twenty-four bushels per acre. After allowing \$200 for seeding. harvesting, threshing and marketing. counting also for his own time and lab employed, he is \$520 ahead, or has raised wheat enough to pay for his land at ove

### THE SECRET.

What says the wind to the waving trees? What says the wave to the river? What means the sigh in the passing breeze? Why do the rushes quiver? Have you not heard the fainting cry

by"?

Of the flowers that said "Good-by, good-List how the gray dove means and grieves Under the woodland cover; List to the drift of the falling leaves,

List to the wail of the lover.

Come, come away to the river's bank, Come in the early morning: Come when the grass with dew is dank, There you will find the warning— A hint in the kiss of the quickening air Of the secret that birds and breezes bear.

Have you not caught the message heard

Already by wave and breeze and bird?

#### -Paul Laurence Dunbar. ONLY A BABY.

Something to live for came to the place, Something to die for, maybe, Something to give even sorrow a grace-And yet it was only a baby!

Cooing and laughter and gurgles and cries. Dimples for tenderest kisses, Thaos of hopes and of raptures and sighs,

Chaos of fears and of blisses. Last year, like all years, the rose and the

thorn; This year a wilderness, maybe; But heaven stooped under the roof on the

That it brought there only a baby.

## -Harriet Prescott Spofford.

THE BRIDGE OF LIFE.

Brook, from whose bridge the wandering To watch thy small fish dart or cool floor

would that bridge whose arches all are

#### Spann'd not a less transparent wave than -William Watso thine! OF CURRENT INTEREST.

The count of money in the vaults of the reasury is still in progress and will not be finished for several weeks. The unsually long time occupied in the count is due to the cautiousness of Treasurer Roberts. In all previous counts the money has been weighed in bags, there being 1,000 silver dollars in each bag. Two tests would be applied to these bags, depending on whether the dollars were new or had be used. A bag of new and unused dollars weighs about fifty-eight pounds and fifteen ounces. A bag of badly used dollars weighs about fifty-eight pounds and nine or ten ounces, a difference of \$6 or \$7. Counting this way the count did not take so long. but Treasurer Roberts has insisted that in one of the vaults in which old silver dollars are stored each dollar shall be counted. This is now being done, and the tinkle of silver dollars is heard throughout much of the treasury. Twenty-one young women have been assigned to this count. In the vault which held the new silver dollars the count was made in the regular way. and the gold in the vaults will be counted

Dangerous overhead trolley wires are to be done away with in Paris in 1900. A French engineer, Bochet, has invented a new system which is very simple. Overhead contracts are to be established from electric lampposts owned by the city, the distance between the posts being sm than the length of a train composed of two or three cars. Thus contact is assured at, at least, one point. A copper rail fastened along the edge of the roof of the car. not less than fifteen feet from the ground will take up the current from flexible points of contact, suspended from each electric light post along the line. The contact point will slide along that rail. The current will return to the power station

through the line track, as usual, A colored man in Cleveland, the Plain Dealer says, noticed a board displayed in front of a building in course of erection. It bore these words: "Keep away-Dan-The colored man walked up close to the board and traced the letters his finger. His lips moved as if he were spelling out the words. Before he had finished the "Keep away" a brick fell from an upper story and struck him squarely on the head. Without even looking up he backed across the sidewalk and examined the big gash in his hat. As he smoothed it down he sadly remarked: "Dat's one

o' de drawbacks to a limerted edercation!" It is said that the North German Lloyd Steamship Company contemplates raising the Elbe, which was sunk off Lowestoft, En gland, two years ago with a loss of 250 lives. It is known that the Elbe carried a valuable freight of gold and silver, much of it in bullion, while she also had on board 2,000 registered letters. The American Wrecking and Salvage Company will make the attempt to raise the steamer, and although she lies in sixteen fathoms of water here is little doubt but that these efforts

will meet with success. Probably the oldest citizen of America engaged in daily toil for wages is Barney Morris, whose duty it is to keep paths and lower beds in Prospect park, Brooklyn, free from waste paper and rubbish. June 10 ast Barney celebrated his 105th birthday. He was born in Temple Court parish, County Cavan, Ireland, and came to this country seventy-five years ago. Aside from his wrinkled skin, the only sign of his great age is the absence of teeth. His hair has been the same shade of iron gray for twen

ty years. The most striking trade effect of cheaper silver has been the astonishing increase in the variety of articles made of the metal. The making of plated ware, which n former years was such a flourishing industry, has been greatly crippled. The genuine article has got within the reach of almost everyone. The stores carry immense stocks of silver articles of every description and sell them at ridiculously low

The Pullman sleeping car porters have now organized and the traveling pub-lic is likely to lose the few rights it had. In future the porters' syndicate will have a scale of prices which the traveler will have to pay, nolens volens, and if he should have the temerity to object his name will be blacklisted and every car porter in the United States will have his name and him spotted.

It is said that the baths just completed in Harrogate, Yorkshire, England, are more nearly perfect than any others in the In addition to the pump room, winter garden, Turkish and Russian baths, etc., there are inhalation rooms with a sulphur water fountain and a pulverization room, where medicated waters may be applied to the nose, eyes, ears, etc. The cost of erection was \$600,000.

In India the carpenters have an almost universal objection to sharpening their tools. They never set their saws, and when they get a grindstone they cut it into pieces and use the fragments for anything except to put an edge on chisel or ax. They rarely carry a rule, and they never try to make close fitting joints.

In a recent interview Jean de Reszke told a funny story of how his brother Edouard went to sleep during the "Meistersinger" at Bayreuth, and how he had to vigorously shake him to make him stop the strange sounds which were scandalizing the audi-

The progress of evangelical Christianity annot better be illustrated than in the announcement that a "Gospel launch" een put into service at New York. The boot is to be used by a sailors' mis n visiting ships and seamen who ordinarily are cut off from religious opportunities

Taxidermy is one of the latest fads of New York women. It is said that Mrs. Jack Astor started the fashion by learning the art in order that she could preserve with her own hands the feathered trophics of her hunting expeditions.